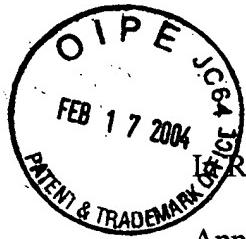


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**METHOD FOR DETECTING T CELL RESPONSE TO
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **02-1666**. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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